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SUBJ: IRANIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR REVIEW OF USDL DRAFT PROGRAM
AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT STAGE

REFS: A/STATE-83996 B/TEHRAN-3237 C/STATE-87647 D/TEHRAN-
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1. USDL DRAFT PROGRAM AGREEMENT, UNDER COVERING NOTE DRAWING OF REFERENCE C, SUBMITTED TO IRANIAN MINISTRY OF LABOR WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW NECESSITY OF PROGRAMMING FOR IRANIAN TEAM OR TEAMS ARRIVING CIRCA MAY 15. MINISTRY INFORMED US TODAY (APRIL 30) THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR MANPOWER, HASSAN FARZANEH, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, ALI ANSARIAN, AND KAZEM RPT KAZEM ANSARI (NOT HUSHANG AS REPORTED REF B), LEADER OF TEAM PROPOSED FOR U.S. VISIT IN MID-MAY, WILL TENTATIVELY RECEIVE LABOR REPORTING OFFICER ON MAY 4. (UNDERSECRETARY NASSERI CONTINUES TO BE AWAY FROM IRAN ON MANPOWER SCOUTING MISSIONS.)

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASSURED VERBALLY BY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS KARY THAT FARZANEH HAS COMPLETED HIS REVIEW OF THE USDL PROPOSAL (REF A), APPROVES ENTIRELY OF THE FOURTEEN ENUMERATED PROJECTS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED THEREIN AND HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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SENT IT FORWARD TO THE MINISTER WITH HIS VERY POSITIVE

RECOMMENDATIONS. ANSARIAN INDICATED THAT IRANIAN TEAM OR TEAMS COMPOSITION STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AS OF APRIL 29.

3. IN COVERING NOTE FORWARDING USDL PROPOSAL (REF A) WE STATED, INTER ALIA, QUOTE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE AGREEMENT ON ADVANCE FUNDING AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AS ANTICIPATED BY ARTICLE 5 OF THE U.S.-IRAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF MARCH 4, 1975 UNQUOTE. EMBASSY ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN THAT GOI EXPRESSION OF APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF USDL PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE AND AS BASIS FOR EXCHANGES IN NEXT FOUR MONTHS, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPOSIT WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD WITH EMBASSY OF SUM EQUIVALENT TO COST ESTIMATE FOR THE FIRST IRANIAN TEAM VISIT OR VISITS (ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY ONCE TEAM OR TEAMS COMPOSITION FINALLY DETERMINED) WOULD CONSTITUTE SATISFACTION OF ADVANCE FUNDING PROVISION OF TCA. SIMILARLY, PRIOR TO EACH TEAM VISIT IN EITHER DIRECTION, ADDITIONAL TRANCHE WOULD BE DEPOSITED BY GOI TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS. SINCE IRANIAN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' APPROVAL WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO BE SOUGHT FOR TOTAL AND PERHAPS EVEN INITIAL OUTLAYS ESTIMATED IN THE REF A PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DELAY COULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN RECEIVING THESE PAYMENTS. REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, PRIOR TO MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 4, ON POSITION TO BE TAKEN WITH MINISTRY WITH REGARD TO ADVANCE FUNDING AND ACCOUNTING FOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COST ESTIMATES PRESENTED TO GOI AND ACTUAL EXPENSES EVENTUALLY INCURRED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT. HELMS

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